ASCS Today

New milk program is official

By TOM CONRAD

President Signs the Milk Diversion Program Into Law - On November 29, 1983, President Reagan signed the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 into law.

Under this law milk producers may contract to reduce their milk marketings between 5 and 30 percent from their base period milk marketings for either calendar year 1982 or the average of calendar years 1981 and 1982, at the producers' option. The producer will be paid $10.00 for each 100 pounds contracted reduction during the 15 month contract period of the program - January 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985.

Producers interested in the program have until January 31, 1984 to sign a contract. Before signing the contract, the base must be established. Also prior to the contract, producers must furnish a plan describing how the reduction in milk marketings will be achieved and the number of dairy cattle they would normally sell each month of the contract period and the additional number of dairy cattle to be sold each month of the contract period because of the Milk Diversion Program. The plan will be documented on an ASCS-143 form. Base period marketings may be adjusted as determined necessary to correct for a natural disaster or other condition beyond the farmers' control. Marketing bases and plans can be established between now and the middle of January 1984. Contracts may be signed beginning the middle of January 1984 through january 31, 1984.

Payments under this program may be made at the end of each 3-month period.

For additional details check with the ASCS office.

Emergency Feed Assistance Program - A reminder to farmers in the county that December 14, this Wednesday, is the final date to sign up for the Emergency Feed Assistance Program. As mentioned in last week's column, this program is to distribute CCC owned low-quality corn to livestock producers who have been adversely affected by hot weather, drought or other related disaster. Check with the December ASCS newsletter, last week's Times-Virginian or the ASCS office for additional details.

Fire-Cured Tobacco Markets - Dark tobacco producers who have not yet picked up their marketing cards can come to the ASCS office to do so.

The markets are operating as follows:

Farmville - December 13, 15, 20, 21.
Lynchburg - December 13, 14, 19, 21.
Blackstone - December 14, 15, 19, 20.

McCluney elected

Double E., Eugene L. McCluney, Pamplin, Va., has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

The 1983 4-H Share-the-Fun Show will be held on Thursday evening of this week at 7 p.m. in the ACHS auditorium. Make your plans to be with us and enjoy a fun-filled variety show featuring more than 40 young entertainers.

Sponsorship is provided by American Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Four varieties of strawberries will be offered to 4-H families this year through a special program: Varieties available will be Earliglow, Scott, Surecrop and Delite. 4-H members will receive details and order forms at their December and January 4-H meetings. Non 4-H families wishing to order strawberry plants may pick up forms at the Appomattox Extension Office.

Achievement Record Workshops for Senior 4-H'ers and 8th grade 4-H'ers will be held at the Extension Office on December 22, 27 and 29. Workshops will last from 9:00 - 12:00 and from 1:00 - 4:00 each day. Older 4-H'ers interested in learning about 4-H Achievement Records are encouraged to try to attend one of the training sessions. 4-H Achievement Record details and required forms are available from the Extension Office.

The Teen Leader 4-H Club has scheduled a covered dish dinner for members on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at the District Extension Office. Senior 4-H'ers interested in joining the Teen Leaders are invited to participate.

A brand new 4-H project on Lawn Care entitled "Learn to Earn" is now available. The project helps a young person with ideas to set an individual lawn care business during the spring and summer. It includes material on planning, insurance, advertising, training, etc. A portion of the project also includes details on lawn care and maintenance. This project should be excellent for youngsters looking for methods to earn money during the summer.

A reminder for 4-H'ers with tobacco projects to submit them as soon as you finish selling the 1983 tobacco crop. There are some excellent awards available for 4-H'ers working in tobacco projects. Please let us know if you need copies of the project records for flue, burley or dark tobacco.

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